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Meeting with Dr. Brueckner on 1 June 1956 hours  
at [ ] home.

On 1 June [ ] under the name [ ] was introduced to Dr. Ernst Brueckner by [ ] at the [ ] home, 5220 39th St. NW, Washington DC. [ ] had prepared Brueckner for [ ] appearance while they had a drink before dinner. While [ ] went to get a drink for [ ] [ ] explained to Brueckner that he was the CIA representative who with perhaps one other person would act as escort for Brueckner during the two weeks he spent in Washington under CIA sponsorship. [ ] said that he was there to welcome Brueckner and hoped that his stay would be pleasant. He mentioned that [ ] had said that Brueckner's previous trip in '54 had not been as productive as pleasant as Brueckner had expected, but that we hoped to make this stay in Washington as productive as possible for both Brueckner and CIA.

Brueckner commented that he realized his last trip here had been in the wake of the John flap, and consequently he understood why the attitude was as it was. He said, however, that he was anxious to see people and to talk over case [ ] said that during the course of the evening he hoped to find out specifically which Brueckner was most interested so that the program which had been tentatively arranged could be improved upon during the week when Brueckner was in Chicago, Milwaukee, New Haven, and New York. [ ] then produced the tentative agenda and said that it could be altered to fit Brueckner's needs as expressed by him. [ ] said, however, that the last two weeks of Brueckner's stay was being coordinated by CIA, and that while Brueckner was busy the first week, we would straighten out any other arrangements which some of the other offices may have made. Brueckner commented that (Bucky) Bryan had asked him to come to his office on Monday the 11th of June (on his return to Washington) and that he would have an agenda arranged for him. [ ] said this matter would be discussed with State.

During the course of dinner various subjects of a general nature were discussed. Foremost among these was a discussion of "Teahouse of the August Moon" and its impact throughout the world, as well as in Germany. Brueckner said that many countries have been sending police officers to Germany for training (6 months to 2 years), but that one of the most interesting was a Turkish police trainee who came to Germany not for police work, but to learn the language and acquire some of the German culture. He saw "Teahouse" and set about translating it. His opinion turned out to be a translation for the Turkish stage. Other countries who have representatives have been Thailand and Australia. (I believe he also mentioned New Zealand in passing—and added that many countries were sending men for training. Additional info was not elicited on this point.)

Brueckner mentioned that he had recently been to Athens (for Heuns' trip to Greece) and remarked about the rather primitive station there with just two tracks coming into it. He also commented on his trip to Spain and briefly discussed various trains of the world, including the Orient Express and the blitz from Spain to Paris which travels about 112 miles an hour.

On general topics, Brueckner revealed later in the evening that he is very interested in horses, since Schleswig-Holstein is a center for horse breeding in Germany. Two others are in East Prussia and in Hannover. He also discussed the islands of the North Sea, and the fact that he likes to spend his vacation in the Sylt area (where bathing is in the flesh). Last year he and his wife had planned a five week vacation there, but had to cut it down to three since Adenauer's trip to Moscow necessitated this change in plans.

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